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FOR STUTTGART FOR ELG

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, UG, US

SUBJECT: EVACUATION PLANNING FOR AMERICANS IN UGANDA

REF: A) STATE 43883 B) STATE 44687

1. EMBASSY CONCERNED AT MANNER IN WHICH QUESTION OF USING
KINSHASA AS EVACUATION STAGING AREA FOR AMERICANS IN UGANDA WAS
HANDLED. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, WE SOUGHT MOBUTU'S ASSISTANCE IN
APPROACHING AMIN ABOUT SAFETY OF THE US CITIZENS BUT DID NOT
RAISE POSSIBILITY OF KINSHASA BEING USED AS STAGING POINT. IF
FLIGHT PLANNED FOR MARCH 1 HAD INDEED ARRIVED WITHOUT PRIOR
NOTIFICATION, THIS COULD HAVE CAUSED CONSIDERABLE EMBARRASSMENT
BOTH TO US AND GOZ. GOZ WOULD HAVE BEEN IN PARTICULARLY DELICATE
SITUATION AS PRESENCE OF PLANE, ALTHOUGH CIVIL, WOULD HAVE GIVEN
AMIN OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE SPECTRE OF ENTEBBE RAID. AT SAME TIME,
MOBUTU'S OWN CREDIBILITY ON THIS ISSUE COULD HAVE BEEN CAST
IN DOUBT.

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2. WE EQUALLY CONCERNED THAT LOCAL SWISSAIR OFFICE HERE HAD BEEN
NOTIFIED BY UNCLASSIFIED TELEX OF DECISION TO SEND PLANE AND THAT
CLEARANCES (WHICH NORMALLY TAKE TWO WEEKS) WERE BEING HANDLED BY
DEPARTMENT. AS WE WERE NOT INVOLVED IN SEEKING CLEARANCES, WE
ASSUME NECESSARY AUTHORIZATIONS HAD BEEN ATTAINED THROUGH
ZAIRIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.

3. IN ORDER TO AVOID POSSIBILITY OF CONTRETEMPS OCCURRING SHOULD DECISION BE MADE TO AGAIN USE KINSHASA AS STAGING AREA AS WELL AS ASSURE SUFFICIENT LEAD TIME FOR NECESSARY AUTHORIZATIONS, WE PROPOSE, ON CONTINGENCY BASIS, TO APPROACH MOBUTU TO INFORM HIM OF OUR PLANS AND THEN TO APPROACH APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES TO OBTAIN NECESSARY STANDBY CLEARANCES SUFFICIENTLY IN ADVANCE FOR EVENTUAL FLIGHT.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S REACTION.

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